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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Kenneth N. Raymond, et al.

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No.: 09/507,630

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, paragraph 1, please delete paragraph (lines 5-11) and replace it with the following:

**CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

A1  
This application is a divisional of and claims the benefit of U.S. Application No. 09/507,630, filed February 18, 2000, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/120,881, filed February 18, 1999, the disclosures of both of which are incorporated herein by reference, in their entirety for all purposes.